

# Water Watch



Region Declares



## Drought Alert

In April, the San Diego County Water Authority declared a **Level 2 Drought Alert**, which triggers mandatory water cutbacks to water agencies throughout the region. New water use restrictions for residents and businesses in Carlsbad could go into effect as soon as July 1.

Water deliveries to the Carlsbad Municipal Water District will be reduced due to long term drought conditions along the Colorado River and legal restrictions on water that comes from Northern California. These two sources make up about 90 percent of the region's water supply.

In January, the Carlsbad Municipal Water District adopted an updated water conservation ordinance that calls for year round water saving measures for residents and businesses to ensure water supplies will be available to meet customer demands. As different levels of drought are declared, additional measures go into effect. In February, the district declared a Level 1 Drought Watch condition, which under the ordinance triggered a voluntary 10 percent reduction in water use. In the coming weeks, the district is expected to join the San Diego County Water Authority and other water districts in the region in declaring a Level 2 Drought Alert, which includes mandatory water cutbacks under the Carlsbad Municipal Water District's ordinance.

### Drought Response Conditions

We Are Here

#### Level 1 - Watch

Voluntary - Up to 10% Water Use Reduction

Coming Soon

#### Level 2 - Alert

Mandatory - Up to 20% Water Use Reduction

#### Level 3 - Critical

Mandatory - Up to 40% Water Use Reduction

#### Level 4 - Emergency

Mandatory - More than 40% Water Use Reduction

### Water Conservation Rules

#### Always in Effect

- No wash down of paved surfaces, unless necessary for safety or sanitation.
- Stop water waste from inefficient landscape irrigation.
- Repair all water leaks.
- Wash vehicles with a bucket and hose equipped with a shut-off nozzle.
- Serve water in restaurants only on request.
- Offer hotel guests the option of not laundering towels and linens daily.

#### In Effect Now

**Level 1** - Drought Watch (Voluntary, up to 10 percent reduction in water use)

- Irrigate residential and commercial landscape before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m. only.

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# Want to Save Even More Water?

Taking these additional steps will help in our water conservation efforts.

## Water Saving Measures

## Estimated Savings

Run the dishwasher only when full. *2-4.5 gallons per load*

Shorten showers and turn off water when rinsing dishes and brushing teeth. *2.5 gallons per minute*

Fill the bathtub half full while bathing. *15-25 gallons per bath*

Do not use the toilet as a wastebasket. *1.5 gallons per flush*

Wash only full loads of clothes. *15-50 gallons per load*

Install aerators with flow restrictors on kitchen/bathroom faucets. *5 gallons per day*

Replace older, inefficient clothes washers. (For information on Water Authority/SDG&E vouchers call 800-986-4538.) *20-30 gallons per load*

Replace older, high-volume flushing toilets. *2-4 gallons per flush*

Collect rainwater for landscape watering or car washing. *An average rain barrel can hold 50 gallons*

## Water Conservation Rules

*Continued*

### Coming Soon

**Level 2 - Drought Alert**  
(Mandatory, up to 20 percent reduction in water use)

- Level 1 conservation measures become mandatory.
- Limit residential and commercial landscape irrigation to no more than three days per week on a schedule set by the water district. From November through May, landscape irrigation is limited to no more than once per week. This rule does not apply to commercial growers or nurseries.
- Limit lawn watering and landscape irrigation using sprinklers to no more than 10 minutes per day.

To see a full description of the water use restrictions established in the Water Conservation Ordinance, please visit the Carlsbad Municipal Water District's Web page at [www.carlsbadca.gov/water/](http://www.carlsbadca.gov/water/).



## More Information

For more information about water conservation, contact the Carlsbad Municipal Water District at (760) 438-2722.

To sign up to receive water supply news via e-mail or for more information about water conservation measures for your home or business, including rebates for appliances and equipment that conserve water, visit [www.carlsbadca.gov/water/](http://www.carlsbadca.gov/water/).